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**IN THE UNITED STATES  
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APPLICANT : Stephen G. Evangelides Jr. et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 10/621,115  
TITLE : Method And Apparatus For Performing System Monitoring In A  
Terminal Independent Interface Located Between A Terrestrial  
Optical Terminal And An Undersea Optical Transmission Path

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**SIR:**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a),  
AND RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a two (2) month extension of time, up to and including January 24, 2006, in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$225.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, the period for response thereto having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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